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## THE VIRGINIA DEBT IS UP ONCE MORE

Trying to Compel West Virginia to Pay Claim of Fifteen Millions—Old Case

Comes to the Front Again—Depend on Late Ruling of the Court for the Law.

An important conference was held yesterday at the Jefferson Hotel between Brown Brothers & Company, of New York, bankers, comprising a committee with whom about nine million dollars of Virginia debt certificates have been deposited, and the Virginia joint commission on the State debt settlement, says Thursday's issue of the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch.

It is understood that the conference was called to consider a proposition from the committee representing a large majority of the certificate holders in the nature of an agreement that the committee would deposit with the Virginia commission nine million dollars of these certificates on the understanding that the State of Virginia would proceed against the State of West Virginia, which is held by the State of Virginia to be liable for fifteen millions of the old Virginia debt. The New York committee was represented at the conference by three gentlemen and by Major Holes Conrad, of Winchester, and Colonel R. P. Chew, of Charleston, W. Va., as advisory counsel, while six of the seven members of the Virginia commission, created and clothed with power by an act of the general assembly in 1900, were present on the part of the State. Attorney General Anderson was present part of the time in the conference room.

The anticipated action by the State of Virginia against the State of West Virginia, now under consideration, is the immediate result of a recent decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of South Dakota vs. North Carolina, in which the court held that the old bonds of North Carolina might be sued on. A petition to rehear this cause, made two weeks ago, was refused by the Supreme Court.

As is well known, an individual cannot sue a State, but another State may sue a sister commonwealth, such suit to be tried in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The history of the bond matter is

one covering many years, the details of which would fill several volumes. The State of Virginia in 1871, in a bill known as the funding bill, apportioned \$15,000,000, or about one-third of the total debt of Virginia, as the share for which this State held that West Virginia was legally and morally responsible. West Virginia having been a part of the State of Virginia at the time the bonded debt was contracted.

### INCREASED THE MAJORITY.

Republican Candidate For Sheriff Loses Out on Recount.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—The recount, over which there has been such a wrangle in Kanawha since the day after the November election, was completed Saturday afternoon, and gave Melton, the Democratic candidate, a considerable increase over his original majority. The principal fight was over the office of sheriff, the recount being asked for by Preston Smith, the Republican candidate. Since the day after election Melton has maintained an armed guard over the ballots night and day to prevent any possible tampering with the ballots. About two hundred ballots were thrown out in the recount, which gave Melton a majority of 208 instead of the original number of 180.

### TO WEST VIRGINIA.

An Extension of the C. H. & D. Will Be Built, Tapping a New Coal Field.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 19.—It has been officially announced here that the Detroit Southern Railroad, the general offices of which are located here, had been sold to Eugene Zimmerman and associates of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton system. Mr. Zimmerman said that the road would be built from fronton, O., across the river into West Virginia to tap the rich coal lands owned by a syndicate he is interested in.

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## SENSATIONAL ELOPEMENT

BETROTHED LADY TRANSFERS HER AFFECTIONS AND RUNS OFF WITH ANOTHER MAN.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Dec. 19.—Miss Neva Le Baron, a handsome and accomplished young lady of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who has been the guest for several months of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Nelson, who resides with her husband, a short distance northeast of this city, and N. G. Tippins, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Algin Tippins, of Buck Run, eloped from here and from information received late Saturday afternoon it is learned that they were granted a license by Probate Judge Cochran, of St. Clairsville, O., on the strength of misrepresenting that the bride to be was a resident of Bellaire, O., and that the prospective bridegroom was of age. Tippins is nineteen and the young lady is about the same age. After securing the license they left St. Clairsville and whether or not they are married yet or their whereabouts is not known.

The circumstances attending the elopement have given to it more prominence than it would have had otherwise. When Miss Le Baron came to Sistersville to visit her aunt she was affianced to Mr. Percy Sampson, of Cherry Creek, a young man of good family. Several days ago Sampson arrived in Sistersville to see his sweetheart and accompany her home, where the marriage was soon to be consummated. Friday the two were shopping in the city—she purchasing wedding finery and he paying the bills. Late in the afternoon she excused herself on the plea of an engagement with her dressmaker, and upon parting Sampson gave his betrothed a twenty dollar bill and went to the Mercer hotel, where he is stopping. Miss Le Baron did not seek a dressmaker; she sought Tippins, who was in waiting, and the two bought tickets with Sampson's twenty and left on the north bound passenger train for Wheeling. In that city they were disappointed in not being able to obtain a license because of under age, and so they went into Ohio where they secured the legal permission to wed. Sampson, very disconsolate, is still in the city hoping against hope that his fiancée will yet return unwedded and repair the broken engagement with him. He is a young, manly fellow, though somewhat unsophisticated, and his love for the attractive Miss Le Baron is not at all deadened through her faithlessness.

Tippins is a young man of prepossessing appearance and has always lived on the home farm. He met Miss Le Baron at the home of the Nelsons and a warm attachment sprang from the meeting. Mrs. Nelson, knowing of her niece's engagement to the Cherry Creek youth, naturally did not approve of the friendship, and her open antagonism to Tippins soon caused the latter to cease his visits to the home. There were many secret meetings, however, and the culmination came in a startling way Saturday evening.

### Equalization Needed.

On a vote of about 120,000 Virginia elected ten Congressmen. West Virginia cast 232,000 votes and elected five Congressmen. The stoutest opponent of the proposition to cut down Southern representation by putting on a uniform and equal basis will hardly say that the present showing of Virginia, or other Southern States that could be named, is fair to West Virginia.

One district in Virginia cast 1,800 votes and elected a Congressman. John Sharp Williams' district in Mississippi cast about 1,470 and elects him to Congress.

Think of Wheeling Island electing a Congressman all by itself. Think of Ritchie district, for example, electing Captain Dovener, Ohio county, casting something like 13,000 votes and at the Southern rate, should be entitled to half a dozen Doveners.

Congressional representation is based on population, and the trouble in Southern districts is that all the voters are not allowed to vote, consequently Congressmen are elected by a vote given for a justice of the peace elsewhere.—Wheeling Intelligence.

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## ROY NAYLOR HAS STRONG BACKING.

Both Senators and Representative Dovener Call on President in His Behalf.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Senators Scott and Elkins and Representative Dovener called on the President Saturday to urge that he appoint Roy B. Naylor, of Wheeling, to some consular position. It was declared the conference had nothing whatever to do with collector of internal revenue. Senator Scott insists he had a promise from the President that that vacancy will not be filled until March 7. At the same time effort has been made by other members of the delegation to induce the President to fill the vacancy at once, and there is some uncertainty as to whether or not Acting Commissioner White will remain undisturbed for the next two months.

All members of the West Virginia delegation admit that the present prospect points to Glasscock's appointment. If so, it will be in recognition of his indorsement by the State central committee.

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## CHICKEN MURDER.

Awful Crime Follows Row Over Chickens.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 19.—The little community of Church Point, this State was thrown into an uproar as the result of a distressing tragedy there Saturday. John Davis and George Murrill occupy adjoining houses and the latter accused Murrill of permitting his chickens to run at large and scratch up the Davis garden. This afternoon Davis and Murrill met and a hot dispute followed. They came to blows but were separated and repaired to their respective residences and armed themselves with shot guns. Davis was the first to appear and fired at Murrill as he left his house. They exchanged a volley at close range but both escaped unscratched.

Murrill was the first to reload and let both barrels drive at Davis, killing him instantly. Davis' daughter, Medora, had run to the assistance of her father and a charge of shot pierced her breast, inflicting injuries which proved fatal within an hour. Murrill has been arrested.

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